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SERVICE STAMPS OF CEYLON.

TRANSLATED FROM THE GERMAN OF L. BERGER IN "DAS PORTWERTZEICHEN," BY HENRY HECHLER.

THE uncertainty existing regarding the year of emission of these stamps is as great as in the cataloguing of their values. Particularly the 4d. stamp. (Herein Pemberton makes an exception, in that he puts a question (?) to it. But he complicates the matter further by stating that the surcharge was in red). Moens, Lindenberg and Senf also note the same. The two last named quote the buying price at 50 marks, There are other sources of information which state the contrary. For instance, "The Memoires du Congres international des Timbrophiles," Paris, 1878, pp. 114, 115. The P. O. Department of Ceylon had at the Paris World's exposition a large tableau which represented all postal and fiscal stamps of that colony. Under the "Service" series the 4d. stamp was entirely omitted. Mr. Anns, our authority for the above, states in his report: "This stamp was never seen by any collector." The same may also be said of the 1s. dark violet. All those seen by me and also those in my possession are a light grey-mauve. It may be supposed that the stock of 1s. was used up and that the authorities were obliged to order a new lot and that in printing the latter they came of a lighter or a darker shade than the former had been. This would really make two varieties. Should, therefore the 1s. service stamps have existed in two shades they would count as varieties. (Moens gives two colors—violet vif and pale lilac. Further he makes a typographical error by quoting 2s. pale lilac. I have taken all possible trouble to secure this stamp but without success.

Two of the latest German hand-books both agree that there was no variation in the type of the surcharge. Teltz and Lindenburg give the description of the surcharge and say the same as those hand-books. Still every collector knows that there were two types of the surcharge. Such mistakes should be avoided as they are never correct and only tend to complicate matters Hand books, guides and pamphlets purporting to be authorities, should be so accurate that collectors can depend upon them. Therefore publishers of such works should be extremely careful, so that the philatelic world can rely upon them.

To catalogue the service stamps of Ceylon—if they are of a character to be collected which is to be disputed—we will compile as below, At present we regard them as authenticated until other and further enquiries produce different and new evidence on the subject.

SERVICE STAMPS.

Emission (Dec?) 1871: Stamps of the issues of 1864, '67, '68, and '69 with the surcharge "Service" in different colors and sizes, white paper, perf. 12½, w. m. k. crown and CC:—

(A.) Black and extended surcharge, size 14 mm. × 2½mm., white, glossy paper and white gum.

1d. blue, emission of 1869.
3d. rose, " 1867.

(B.) Black surcharge, high and condensed type, size 13 mm. ×, 3 mm., stout, rough paper, yellow gum.

2d. dark yellow, emission of 1868.
8s. " brown, " 1864.
1d. light-grey-lilac, " 1871.

(C.) Red surcharge, high and condensed type.

6d. brown.
2s. dark-blue.
Variety 2 s. dark-blue, unperf.

(D.) Black surcharge, high condensed type.

4d. carmin, emission of 1864?
1s. dark-violet " " ?

NOTE.—The existence of the last two named is not authenticated.

LATER.—Since writing the above copies of Moens' catalogues of 1872 and 1873 came into my hands, and I note that he mentions the service stamps, but he is not explicit. He does not say that they were in two different colors and of two types. I cannot understand how it is, after so much trouble as I took, those catalogues did not reach me sooner, but I feel compelled to make this note now that I have them before me, so as not to give my old friend Moens reason for offence by omitting it.

THE LOCAL STAMPS OF RUSSIA.

TRANSLATED FROM "L'ECHO DE LA TIMBROLOGIE," BY M. R. KNIGHT.

THE stamps of the local post offices of Russia, which some time ago excited the liveliest interest among collectors, seem of late to have fallen into disforom, in my opinion undesuredly.

The explanation of this lies, I believe, in the shameless speculation which has arisen in the so-called local stamps of Norway, of Denmark, and especially of Germany.

By the way let us not forget that the last named country is an old offender, since from the beginning of philately it has inundated the market with the famous private stamps of Dresden and Hamburg, stamps that never existed, except for the use of collectors.

It is altogether different with the local stamps of Russia, and perhaps some information on this subject will be of interest to the readers of this Journal. It is well known that the immense Russian Empire is divided into vice-royalties, and these into provinces or *Semtivos*. Now, the postal

services of the Empire is not responsible for the carriage of letters to the place of residence. It guarantees only their arrival at the chief town of each province. There they wait until some opportunity, as the coming of the police-agents from the several districts, permits the forwarding of the correspondence to the addresses. Given then the vast extent of certain provinces, some of which have an area equal to that of Spain, and moreover the infrequency of communications, it resulted from this way of doing things that often a letter did not reach the addressee till the end of six months, if he was then alive to receive it.

A service so defective must of necessity have attracted the attention of the governors and of the heads of *Semtivos*.

We find therefrom that as early as 1863 the Government of St. Petersburg decided on the creation of a local stamp, the affixing of which to letters would ensure their immediate delivery.

About the same time the Circle of the Wendic in Lionia issued a stamp of the same sort. In this way a start was made. In 1866 Schlusselburg emitted a stamp for the province, and Rjeff and Berdiansk alike in 1867. In 1868 Tver, in 1869 Saratoff and Riajam, followed the movement and created special stamps, the revenue from which provided for the reorganization of the postal service. In 1870 an order of the Minister of the Interior, of which I have the text before me, authorized, under certain conditions all the provinces to create local post offices. and these offices being established in all the provinces they emitted special stamps.

The origin and value of these stamps are then not to be debated, and we would persuade all philatelists to receive them into their collections. In the course of time and progress it will inevitably occur that the postal service of the Empire will unite all the local post offices and suppress their stamps, as we have seen in the United States, where the private services have been suppressed, Wells, Fargo & Co. excepted by the organization of the government post office. Local stamps of Russia, therefore are sure to become very rare, and will be of so much the greater value if obliterated.

MR. W. H. BRUCE, of Hartford, Conn., has written us, warning of a party named Charles D. McGill, living in Yarmouth, N. S., who has defrauded a number of American dealers.

WILL the party, under the initials of L. T., who sent to this paper, last November, some tobacco bands, please write and give his name and address. He will likely hear of something to his advantage.

THE auction sale held in February, under the auspices of the Nova Scotia Philatelic Association was so successful that they have decided to hold another, to take place on the evening of the 29th of April. See catalogue in this number.

WE must apologize for the quantity of official matter in this month, but it cannot be helped, as reports were not sent in time to be inserted in last month's paper.

CHRONICLE.

Argentine Republic.—The 6c. card noted by some journals with "Comunication," etc., is simply half of the 6+6c. card.

Austria.—Pneumatic Envelope, 15kr. gray and black on rose. The 5 and 10kr. stamps on yellow are frauds.

Bavaria.—Cards, 5+5, pf. vertical wmk, "88," 3 pf., "A. 89," 5 pf. "89," both of the latter with horizontal wmk.

Brazil.—We have seen the new newspaper stamps, cards and bands. The stamps are all the same design and color, inscription on them, Correio. Joenaes—Brazil. Color, a dark yellow. Values, 10, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700 and 1000 reis. Bands, 20 reis, purple; 40 reis, blue; and 60 reis, purple brown. Cards, 40 reis and 40r.+40r. lake.

Br. Bechuanaland.—The 4d. black on lilac, with "4d." in red, and "Protectorate" in black. The 3d. black on lilac has "One-half-penny" in black. (only 840 made.) Finally, the ½d., Cape, is surcharged "British Bechuanaland" in green.

Br. Guiana.—The 6c. has CA wmk. It is reported that new stamps are in preparation.

Bulgaria.—The 5 sto. is surcharged "3" in the four corners, and TPN-CTOT in two lines in the centre. It is said no change will be made in the type, but on March 13th, stamps of current design will be issued in new colors, 1s. gray, red and blue, 2s. green and yellow, 5s. green and red, 10s. red on yellow ground.

Canada.—The 2c. Registration stamp has again appeared in another shade, it now being a dull rose. We have also seen the 12½c. 1886 issue, with wmk. smaller to other values.

Cauca.—We omitted to note a provisional stamp. It is about 25×25 mm., type set "Popayan-Franca 10 centavos-No hai estampillas-El Admor, in four lines, and signature of the postmaster below. Black on white.

Ceylon.—The 1r. 12c. is issued at last. It is red brown, wmk. CC, and perf. 14. Design similar to the 2r. 50c.

Chili.—The 3c. card has "Carte Postale" at the top, not the 2c. as before reported.

Curacao.—Stamps are reported 15c. olive, 30c. gray, 60c. ochre, 1+1 50c. steel blue and bright blue.

Danish West Indies.—The 2c. card comes with same inscription as the 3c of 1887.

Denmark.—The letter cards are now perforated to the sides and bottom.

Dutch E. Indies.—30c envelopes are expected and 5c. letter sheets.

Egypt.—*Du. Ph.* notes a 10 pi. violet stamp, envelopes of 1 pi., 120×95 mm., and 2 pi. of similar design orange, 145×112 and 176×117 mm.; also bands of 1m. brown, and 2m. green. The latter have stamps similar to the adhesives.

Faridkot.—The 1d. envelope has arms in black.

French Colonies.—There are envelopes with current stamp, 5c. green, 15c. blue on blueish, and bands 1c. black, 2c. brown, 3c. vermillion, on manila.

Great Britain.—The 9d. of 1883 and 1887 are surcharged "Gort. Parcds."

Guadaloupe.—Dr. Petrie has shown us a copy of an order of the Governor, dated Dec. 31, 1888, providing that the 20c. stamps shall be surcharged in black, "Guadeloupe-3-centimes" in a rectangular frame, also 15c. and 25c. in similar manner. He has besides, a used copy of the 40c. unpaid on blue paper, but of the type of the 25c.

Guatemala.—The *T. B. J.* mentions new post cards.

Holkar.—There is a second type of the ½a. stamp.

Jhind.—The 1a. envelope has the arms in brown, and the ¼+¼a. car. in black.

Mexico.—The 6c. is now vermillion.

Nabha.—Half anna envelope, red surcharge, green arms. One anna envelope, black surcharge, brown arms.

Nicaragua.—The 2+2c. card has same inscription as the 2c. lately noted.

Persia.—There is a new surcharge, somewhat smaller on the envelopes and bands.

Puttialla—The ¼+¼a. card now has arms black.

Roumania.—*Le L. P.* notes the 1½ on rose and two shades of blue, 3b. on pale blue, 10b. on buff, 15b. on rose and yellow, 25b. on blue rose and straw. Also the unpaid letter stamp, 2, 5, 30b. on yellow, and the 2b. green on white. Entirely new stamps are expected in April.

Salvador.—*The P. J. of A.* illustrates a new envelope. A lake and volcano in oval. "Servico Postal del Salvador" above. 5c. blue on white, amber and blue.

Surinam.—*Der Ph.* mentions 50c. grey brown.

Sweden.—The *J. B. J.* says the 12 ore stamp is to be surcharged in black "10" or "18 ore." There are to be letter cards of 5 and 10 ore, also a new series of stamps with head of King Oscar engraved on steel.

Switzerland.—The 10+10c. card of 1883 comes Form 1.

Tasmania.—The current one penny has been surcharged HALF-PENNY in black.

Victoria.—We have two cards, 2d., "By the long Sea Route," lilac on drab, and 3d., "via Italy," red on green. The arms are in the upper left corner. Also a letter card 1d., blue on grey, (inside white.) The stamp has full length figure of Queen, and in the lower part are illustrations of a steamship, stage coach and train of cars. The price is three half-pence.

Virgin Islands.—The *V. M. d. B. Ph. C.* mentions the 1d. carmine, and 1sh. brown, both of the first type and wmk. CA.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

36 EARL ST., TORONTO, ONT.

12 February, 1889.

GENTLEMEN,—The printed copies of the new Constitution and By-laws have been sent out by post. If any member has not received his copy, I will be pleased to send him one on being notified.

It is very much to be regretted that more care was not exercised in proof reading, especially in the " list of members." There are over fifty errors in this list, and I have received several complaints from members whose names and addresses are misprinted.

In compliance with By-law No. 11, I have had electrotypes prepared for the purpose of printing the official letter heads. Those officers of the Association who desire to do their own printing will be provided with these electros upon notifying me. The printed letter heads will be sent to any member at the following prices, viz., with name and address, and done up neatly in pads of 100 sheets:

Per	250 sheets	$1 25
"	300 "	1 50
"	500 "	2 00
"	1000 "	3 50

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Leighton, our Librarian elect, the Executive Committee have appointed Mr. E. Y. Parker, 47 Huron St., Toronto, as Librarian for 1889.

Mr. Parker is prepared to receive contributions in the shape of books, magazines, catalogues, &c., &c., from members and others. It is hoped that

members will respond generously, and that the Library may soon be catalogued and arranged in such manner that it may be utilized by the members.

Mr. H. C. Beardsley desires me to state his initials are given incorrectly in the list of members, and that his address is changed and is now Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo. The address of Mr. Geo. H. Cox is Shelburne, N. S., and *not 9 Dresden Row, Halifax*, as given list of members.

I take this opportunity to formally notify all officers of the C. P. A. that in future their reports should be placed in the hands of the official editor, Mr. Larsen, during the first week of each month. The prompt appearance of the "Official Organ" will, to a great extent, depend upon compliance with this notification.

I wish to draw the attention of all members to Art. 6, Sec. 3, of Constitution: *All dues shall be paid semi-annually, in advance, on the first day of January, and the first day of July, of each year.*

It is the intention of the Executive Committee to publish in the *next number* of the official organ, a list of all members who have been dropped from the rolls on account of non-payment of dues. There are some members who have not yet paid their dues for 1888, and the majority have not yet paid for the first half of 1889.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE RESIGNED:

No. 86.—H. Andrews.
" 47.—S. B. Bradt.
" 5.—J. C. Niesser.
" 113.—H. R. Donohoe.

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Wm. H. Goodrich, 31 Highland Av., Fitchburg, Mass. Ref. A. P. A. No. 389, and T. J. McMinn.
Foster W. Curry, Horton Landing, N. S. Ref. J. Noble Crane and Henry S. Mathers.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. J. MCMINN,
Secretary C. P. A.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Acting on the advice of the President, the Executive Committee have considered the advisability of increasing the foreign membership of the C. P. A. After due deliberation, it is proposed as follows:

That one person only from each country—except Canada and the United States—will be accepted as a member of the C. P. A., and will be entitled a corresponding member.

The candidate must be well recommended and must enclose with his application fifty (50c.) cents, in unused current stamps of his country, and this fee shall be by him paid annually to the Association, said stamps to be sold by the Financial Secretary for the benefit of the Association.

Members so elected will have the full use of the Exchange Department for the circulation of their stamps, but it will be at the option of the superintendant whether he send them cash or other stamps to choose from, to balance accounts due them.

They will also be expected to send to the secretary a copy or copies of any philatelic papers that may be published in their country, and will in return be entitled to receive the official organ of the Association.

Their chief duties will be to answer (as far as possible) any enquiries from other members of the C. P. A. regarding philatelists or philatelic matters residing in or pertaining to their country, and to report to the Secretary all cases of fraud that may come under their notice

For the purpose of attending to this department of the C. P. A., the Executive Committee propose the creation of a new office. Said office to be known as that of the International Secretary.

In placing this proposal before the Association, the Committee are of the opinion that if acted upon it cannot help but benefit the C. P. A.

J. R. HOOPER, *Chairman.*
C. C. MORENCY,
F. C. KAYE.

THE above report having been submitted to me for approval, I may say that if the C. P. A. has a corresponding member in each foreign country, the science cannot fail to be advanced among us. If this idea is fully carried out, resident members will be enabled to obtain new issues promptly, on their appearance. The other views suggested in the report as to protection, benefits, etc., will commend themselves to members of the Association.

HENRY HECHLER,
President C. P. A.

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OFFICIAL ORGAN,
HALIFAX PHILATELIST.

MEETING OF FEB. 11TH, 1889.

Meeting opened at 8.30 p. m. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the Chair. Members present :—Messrs. Hart, Craig, Larsen, Hechler, King, Kay, DeWolf and Francis. Minutes of last meeting read and approved, Mr. A. E. Jubien was proposed for membership and elected No. 25. A motion was made that a purchasing agent be elected. After some discussion this was done, and the Secretary elected as such. There being no other business on, the usual auction sale took place, and although the attendance at it was not large, it was very successful.

Meeting closed at 10.30 p. m.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

MEETING OF FEB. 25TH, 1889.

Meeting opened at 8 p. m. President Crane in Chair. Members present:—Messrs. Crane, King, Smith, E. A., Larsen, T., Larsen, O., Hechler, Smith, A. G., Curry, DeWolf, Francis and Jubien. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. No business being on, the auction sale advertised for this date was held and was most successful, the 100 lots selling for $194. Priced lists can be had from Sec'y at 15c. each. Meeting closed at 11 p. m.

D. A. KING,
Secretary.

N. S. P. A. EXCHANGE MANAGER'S REPORT.

At the time of the last adjustment on Sept. 1st, 1888, eleven of our sheets were still in the hands of the Canadian Exchange Department, the value of which were $39.29. Since then we have sent in thirty-eight sheets, value $235.31, which, together with the former amount of $39.29, makes a total of $274.60. Of these forty-nine sheets, thirty-nine have been returned, the original value of which were $249.11 and the amount sold off them $77.95. There after deducting the 7½% due Mr. Grenny, there is $72.10 to our credit on this half year.

There was also a balance of $14.00 cash unpaid from last half due us from the Canadian Exchange Department, which, added to the above amount, makes our total credit $86.10.

Against this we have had thirteen Exchange Books, and have taken off from them, stamps to the value of $102.16, which leaves $16.06 in debt to the Department.

I do not think that we have done as well this half year as we did the last, nor as well as we can do, if just a little more interest were shown toward the Exchange Department by the members individually. In the first place we have only sent in thirty-eight sheets, whereas we have received thirteen books of ten sheets each, equalling one hundred and thirty sheets. Then again, these thirty-eight sheets have been sent in by above only five different members out of the seventeen or eighteen who partake of the exchange, the rest being satisfied to take what stamps they want and pay cash for them at the end of the half year. Now this is all very well if we were sure of the supply keeping up, but I am afraid that it will not, for we cannot expect other collectors of the Canada Philatelic Association to continue sending in exchange sheets for our benefit and not receive any in return.

Again, some members who have the stamps and could send in a great many sheets, seem afraid to do so, and only send in one or two, and then do not send in any more until after these are settled for. Now why cannot these members keep sending in one or two sheets every week or so. It would, I think, pay them, as there are parties in the Canadian Philatelic Association now, who are willing to buy good stamps as often as they can get them, but who at present only receive an exchange book about every two months.

There has been a marked improvement of late in the way the books have been put through their circuits, but still in some cases there are needless delays, which I hope will not occur in the future.

Now one more suggestion and I have finished, and that is, I will be extremely obliged to all, if they will use the utmost care in entering the CORRECT amounts taken off of books, on the sheet which I place in each, as any mistake necessitates the going over of all the amounts taken off the book, and which entails a large amount of extra work.

We should, on the whole, be very well satisfied with the amounts sold off of our sheets, which is fully one-third of the original value, and which will, I think, compare very favorably with any other Philatelic Exchange.

I trust that anything I have written in this report, will be taken as it is meant, namely to benefit and make the Exchange branch of the Association a success, which we ought to strive to do, especially as we have such a number of the leading members of the Canada Philatelic Association in our midst.

I hope that my next report will show a greater improvement in the work of the Department.

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2		BRAZIL: (1889) 700 reis	1
3	*	BRITISH BECHUANALAND: surch., Protectorate and value, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d	5
4	*	" COLUMBIA: 3d.; BR. GUIANA, prov.; 1c. on 96, 2c. on 96	3
5	*	" GUIANA: (1881) prov.; 1 cent official on 12 cent, 1860	1
6		" " " 2 " 24 " 1863	1
7		" " " 1 " 48 " 1876	1
8		" " " 1 red on 48 " 1863	1
9	*	" HONDURAS: Two in red on 50 cents, on 1 shilling gray	1
10		" " prov.; half of 2 cents on 1d., on part of original envelope	1
11		BUENOS AYRES: (1860) I p.; VENEZUELA, (1864), 1 cent, gray; *LA GUIARA, (1869), ½ real, green; *VIRGIN ISLANDS, ½d. yellow.....	4

12		CANADA: Officially Sealed; very fine, used	1
13		" 1 cent, official; Weights and Measures wrapper	1
14		" (1868), 12½ cents; watermark; beautiful specimen	1
15		" (1860), envelopes, wh. paper, cut square, 5 and 10c.	2
16	*	" (1860), envelopes, wh. paper, entire, 5 and 10c., entire	2
17	*	" " " 10 cents	1
18	*	" Postcards, N.W. Rebellion, service, 1c., carmine; 1c, bl'ck	2
19		" Post cards, 1st issue; A. 1 condition	12
20		*CEYLON: ten cents on sixty-four, rare	1
21		CHINA: set of 1st and 2nd issues	6
22		*COCHIN CHINA: 5 on 2 cent; MARTINIQUE, 1 on 4 cent; ST. PIERRE, 5 on 20c.; MAURITIUS, 2 on 13 cent; PHILIPINE ISLANDS, 8 on 2⅛	5
23		CONFEDERATE STATES: (1862) 2 cents green; thin spot on face	1
24		" 5 cents green, on original cover	1
25	*	" Memphis, 2 cents, blue	1
26		" New Orleans, 5 cents on blue, large mar.	1
27		*CUBA: Post cards, 2 C. de P. and 3 C. de P	2
28		DOMINICAN REPUBLIC: (1879) ½, ½ violet on blue, 1 real, 1 real on buff, 2 unused	4
29		" (1880, net work) set, 1, 2, 5, 5, 10, 20, 25, 75, 100, nicely cancelled	9
30		" (1883, net work) prov., 5 on 1, 10 on 2, 25 on 5. 50 on 10, 1 F. on 20, 1 F. on 25c	6
31		GREAT BRITAIN: (1884) 10 shillings, blue	1
32		" " £1, fine	1
33		GREECE: Post cards, 5 lep., 10 lep. blue, 10 lep. carmine; Return cards, 5, 10, 10 lepta	6
34		GUATEMALA: (1872) 4 R, mauve, fine	1
35		" " 1 P, orange, ditto	1
36		*JAMAICA: (1877) prov., Post card, paid ½d., rare	1
37	*	" Post card, prov., 1½d. on 3d	1
38		*MACAO: prov. 5 on 100; 10 on 200; 80 on 100	3
39		MADEIRA: (1868) 100 Reis, unperforated, fine, rare	1
40	*	" (1874) 240 Reis, perfect	1
41		MAURITIUS: (1863) 5 shillings; (1877) 1 sh. on 5 shillings, fine	2
42		" prov., 2 on 13 cents, reversed, used	1
43		*MONTEVIDEO: (1866) 5 on 12, 10 on 8, 15 on 10	3
44		NATAL: (1879) prov; 1d. on 6d., triple surch., used, very rare	1
45		*NEVIS: (1867) 1 penny, red	2
46	*	" 1d on gray paper	1
47		" unsevered pair, ½d. on 1d. halved, in purple	2
48		NEW BRUNSWICK: 6 pence, an extremely fine specimen	1
49		" 3 pence	1
50		" Prov.; 3d (6d. split diagonally) on entire envelope. This is an extra fine specimen, being the prettiest we ever saw.	1
51		" 5 cents Connell; proof in orange	1
52		" (1860) 1 cent, brown	1

53 * " 1 set, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, 17 cents..... 6
54 * " ditto 6
55 * " 5, 12½, 17 cents 3
56 *NEWFOUNDLAND: 2d lake 1
57 * " 3d., 4d., 5d., 5d., 6d., 6½d., 8d., 1 shilling 8
58 * " 5 cents, brown 1
59 " ditto 1
60 * " 5 cents, black 2
61 * " ditto 2
62 * " (1857) 1d.; (1862) 1d..... 2
63 " (1862)* 1d.; (1870) 3 cents; (1887) 10 cents.. 3
64 * " 1 and 2 cent, roul; 3 cent, red..... 3
65 * " (1866) 2, 10, 12, 13, 24 cents; (1876) 5 cents; (1880) 1, 2, 3, 5c; (1888) ½, 1, 2, 3, 10 c. 15
66 " (1865) 5 cents, proof; 4 different colors; rare. 4
67 " Post-cards (1866) 1 ct.; (1880)* 1 ct; *2 cts. 5
68 NOVA SCOTIA: unsevered trio, 1 penny; fine..... 3
69 * " 1 penny..... 1
70 " 1 " beautiful specimen..... 1
71 " 1 " 1
72 " unsevered pr. 3d, on original envel.; fine specimens 2
73 " unsevered trio, 3 pence; fine 3
74 " do.; splendid..... 3
75 " 3 pence on original envelope..... 1
76 " " 1
77 " " on part of original envelope..... 1
78 " unsevered pair, 6d..... 2
79 " ditto 2
80 " block, 6d., 2 × 2 4
81 " 6 pence, ... 1
82 " 1 shilling on original entire envelope, lightly cancelled, a most desirable specimen.... 1
83 " (1860) 1, 2, 5, 8½, 10, 12½ cents..... 6
84 " ditto 6
85 " 3 pence; *10 and *12½ cents..... 3
86 " on original envelopes; pair 1 cent; 2 cents, 5 cents; 5 cents, blue paper; 10 cents; 12½ cents.. 7
87 " Bill, 1 cent to 50..... 14
88 ORANGE FREE STATES: 3d. on 4d.; 4 different types..... 4
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90 * " complete set, with exception of 1d.... 12
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102 *Turks Island: ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 1 shilling..... 6
103 * " ditto 6
104 *United States: (1847) 5 and 10 cents..... 2
105 " (1851) 1, 3, 10, 12 cents..... 4
106 " (1857) 1, 3, 10, 12 cents..... 4
107 " (1861) 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 24, 30, 90 cents..... 8
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110 " (1856) 5 cents, brown, with ornaments..... 1
111 " ditto 1
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114 " (1867) " " 5cents..... 1
115 " Small newspaper, 1, 2, 3,* 4,* 6,* 8,* 9,* 10 cts. 8
116 " " 12, 24, 36 cents; trimmed but fine..... 3
117 " " 96 cents 1
118 " " 192 cts.; trimmed on one side 1
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